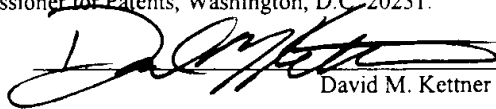


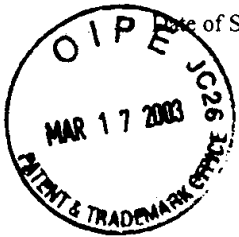
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The below Remarks and Amendments to the Claims are made in response to an Office Action dated December 10, 2002 in the above-identified application. In this Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-7 and 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and objected to Claim 8 as being dependent upon a rejected claim. By way of this Response, the Applicants are amending Claim 1 and adding new Claims 15-25.